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1. AS FAHMY HAD REQUESTED, I MET WITH HIM THIS EVENING FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF. IT TURNED OUT THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO TELL ME ABOUT THE BREZHNEV LETTER TO SADAT, BUT WANTED TO TALK ABOUT THE GENERAL SITUATION. HE SAYS SADAT IS ONLY NOW BECOMING AWARE OF SOME OF THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS THE NEW AGREEMENT POSES FOR HIM IN THE ARAB WORLD. HOWEVER, THE PRESIDENT IS CONFIDENT HE CAN SEE IT THROUGH. FAHMY PERSONALLY CONTINUES TO MAINTAIN THAT ALL EXPLANATIONS WILL HAVE TO COME FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THAT HE, FAHMY, IS CONSCIOUSLY KEEPING SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN THE AGREEMENT AND HIMSELF.

2. AS WE WERE TALKING, THE PRESIDENT TELEPHONED TO SAY HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM FAHMY FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS AND TO ASK WHAT IS GOING ON. FAHMY EXPLAINED TO SADAT AT SOME LENGTH, IN ARABIC, THE SOVIET CHARGE'S CALLS OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY, BRING LETTERS FROM BREZHNEV AND GROMYKO. HE HAD EXPLAINED TO THE SOVIET CHARGE THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT IS NOT RPT NOT INTENDED TO EXCLUDE

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THE SOVIETS, BUT REPRESENTS AN EFFORT TO MOVE AHEAD

ON THE OVERALL ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM. THE AMERICAN STATIONS, WHICH THE CHARGE HAD SPECIFICALLY QUERIED, FAHMY HAD CONTESTED HAVE NO RPT NO REAL POLITICAL OR MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE. THEY WILL SIMPLY BE CHECK-POINTS MONITORING THE ACTIVITIES OF BOTH PARTIES, BUT ESPECIALLY THE ISRAELIS. NUMBERS OF AMERICANS WILL BE SMALL AND THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY WILL BE ON EGYPTIAN SOIL. THE CHARGE HAD ALSO AGAIN COMPLAINED ABOUT OUR DOING THE PORT SAID MINESWEEPING, BUT FAHMY HAD BRUSHED THIS OFF AS SIMPLY A CONVENIENCE AND NOT RPT NOT AN ANTI-SOVIET ACTION.

3. HE THEN TOLD THE PRESIDENT ABOUT GROMYKO'S LETTER AND HIS PROPOSAL TO US THAT, IN THE EVENT THE SOVIETS DO NOT RPT NOT ATTEND TOMORROW'S SIGNING CEREMONY AT GENEVA, WE ALSO ABSENT OURSELVES FROM THAT MEETING (REFTEL). SUCH SIMILAR ABSENCE BY US WOULD UNDERMINE THE SOVIET INTENTION TO GET A MAJOR PUBLICITY PLOY THROUGH THEIR NON-ATTENDANCE. THE PRESIDENT IMMEDIATELY AGREED. SADAT OBSERVED "THERE IS NO RPT NO POINT TO MAKING HEROS OUT OF THE SOVIETS IN THE ARAB WORLD."

4. AFTER HIS TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT, FAHMY SAID SADAT INTENDS TO MAKE A MAJOR POLITICAL EFFORT TO JUSTIFY THE AGREEMENT. FAHMY BELIEVES THE AGREEMENT WILL BE WELL RECEIVED IN EGYPT, AT LEAST INITIALLY, VP HOSNY MOBAREK, WHO HAS JUST COME BACK FROM RIYADH AND DAMASCUS, HAD INFORMED HIM OF SAUDI APPROVAL OF THE EGYPTIAN ACTION. SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASSAD HAD REMAINED NON-COMMITAL, ALTHOUGH MOBAREK CONCLUDED THAT THE SYRIAN ARMY AND BUSINESS COMMUNITY IS PLEASED AND HOPES FOR AN EARLY SIMILAR AGREEMENT RE GOLAN. FAHMY BELIEVES THAT ASSAD IS LESS WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE AGREEMENT, THOUGH HE IS KEEPING HIS OPTIONS OPEN. TOMORROW SADAT EXPLAINS THE AGREEMENT TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY/ASU, AND FAHMY IS QUITE CERTAIN HE SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IN DOING SO.

5. FAHMY THEN TURNED TO ANOTHER FAVORITE SUBJECT, I.E. THE NEED TO HAVE US-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS PUT
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ON A SOUND, ENDURING BASIS. I TOLD HIM THIS IS ALSO OUR DESIRE. FAHMY AGAIN STRESSED THAT WE SHOULD CONSIDER EGYPT AS THE PIVOTAL ARAB COUNTRY, ALONG WITH PERHAPS ALGERIA, ALTHOUGH DOMESTIC PROBLEMS IN THE LATTER LIMIT ITS EFFECTIVENESS. WE SHOULD LOOK FOR FURTHER WAYS AND MEANS OF STRENGTHENING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. WE AGREED WE WOULD HAVE ANOTHER TALK ON THAT SUBJECT BEFORE LONG.

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